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ODDFELLOWS' ANNIVERSARY

Pleasant Evening Spent By the Lodge and the Ladies' Auxiliary.

PROGRAM, BANQUET, DANCING

An Address Was Delivered By Brother John Hahn On the History of the Order.

The I. O. O. F., following its usual custom, last night commemorated the 54th anniversary of the existence of the order. The occasion was one of merriment and rejoicing for all present. Both Odd Fellows and Rebekahs were out in force. There was a literary and musical program and that was followed by a banquet. Following is the program as rendered:

Opening ode; anniversary exercises; selection by Regal Mandolin club; address, Bro. John Hahn; selection, Regal Mandolin club; recitation, Miss Jessie Sato; vocal solo, Mr. E. C. Turner; selection, mandolin club; closing ode.

The address of Mr. Hahn follows:

ODD FELLOWSHIP.
In the winter of 1818 one Thomas Wilder and a certain John Welch, both natives of England, were residents of the city of Baltimore, Md., and as fellow-countrymen, were in the habit of spending much of their time together.

The two friends regretted very much that they were deprived of the social pleasure of belonging to an Odd Fellow lodge in this country.

In the Baltimore American, February 12, 1819, appeared the following: "Notice to all Odd Fellows: A few members of the Society of Odd Fellows will be glad to meet their brethren for consultation upon the subject of forming a lodge. The meeting will be held Friday evening, March 2, 1819."

At the time and place designated two more made their appearance, namely John Duncan and John Chentham. This increased their number to four, but still not enough to start a new lodge. Another notice appeared in the Baltimore American on the 27th day of March, 1819. "Notice to Odd Fellows: A few members of the Society of Odd Fellows will be glad to meet their brethren for the purpose of forming a lodge, on Friday evening, April 2, at the Seven Stars, Second street, 7 p. m."

This had the effect of bringing to the surface a certain Richard Rushworth, an initiate of a London lodge. Having the required number no time was lost. All necessary arrangements were made and on Monday, April 26, 1819, the five brothers met at the sign of the Seven Stars on Second street, between Market and Frederick, and then and there, with all the form of which those five possessed any knowledge, they solemnly instituted and opened a lodge, which they named Washington Lodge of Odd Fellows, Thomas Wilder being the noble grand and John Welch the vice grand.

The question could be asked: Has Odd Fellowship prospered, its membership been increased and has the seed that Thomas Wilder planted 84 years ago born fruit? This question is fully answered by reference to the report of the Sovereign Grand lodge of the United States, presented during its session, September 15, 1902. There is now one sovereign grand lodge, six quasi independent grand lodges, namely, Australia, Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland. Sixty-six grand lodges, 55 grand encampments, 12,792 subordinate lodges 2789 sub-encampments, 5723 Rebekah lodges. The total world membership is now 1,222,994.

In the United States the total membership is 1,200,921.

Relief paid out during year 1901, \$3,535,795.68.
Revenue paid out during year 1901, \$10,782,562.

Invested funds reported, \$29,952,769.

Number of weeks' benefits paid, 696,456.

Widowed families relieved, 5619.

State of Oregon—Subordinate lodges, 142. Members, December 31, 1902, 8234.

Total relief fund paid, \$37,240.12.

Total receipts paid, \$114,692.10.

Invested funds of subordinate lodges, \$561,926.24.

Rebekah lodges, 99. Members, December 31, 1902, 6029.

Receipts, \$9558.

Total relief, \$1738.37.

Assets, \$15,496.79.

It must be taken into consideration that our benefits to our members, widows and orphans are also benefits to the community at large. Members saved from want are not only kept from being a burden on the public, but are

thereby enabled to give aid and support to relatives and neighbors far and wide around them.

It is the same with our educational benefits. Whatever improvement our order may effect in the mental ability, the social and moral character of the member just so far has our secret training and instruction added to the character, social and moral worth of the family, and the church and community to which it belongs.

The general mutual dependence of each on all and all on each, this inter-lacing of sympathies that wind around all hearts, the moral interest that weaves into one web our entire humanity, needs more consideration by the world outside of our order. Our teachings will bring the world to see, to feel and to do duties, which the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man requires of every mind, heart and hand. Looking at the great seal of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the United States, we find the following legend inscribed thereon: "We command you to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan," and in conjunction with this great and grand command we have our motto—"Friendship, love and truth." Could there be anything finer, more grand or more noble to live for?

But it is not so much for us to inquire into what others have done, or what has been done and accomplished by the order collectively. The vital question which concerns us most is what have I done what have you done, to bring about this great result in the welfare of our order? Have you or I as individuals always carried out the command of our order, relieve the distressed or visited the sick? Or have your friendships been of the kind which was practiced by the priest and Levite?

The Samaritan who assisted the Israelite whom he found wounded and bleeding by the wayside was a true Odd Fellow. Membership in a lodge is nothing except we practice what we preach. Brotherly love is to give mutual aid in season of distress and danger, to be charitable in feeling, word and deed to all who need it, as well as all who deserve it, without regard to nation, party or sect. For our guiding faith is not only that all Odd Fellows are brethren, but all mankind are brethren, for our Heavenly Father is the creator and father of all of us. One blood cements the race, and on the throne above the earth, supreme and eternal reign forever the fatherhood of our God.

What a grand and glorious mission there is before us. To help and assist, to elevate the character of man, to teach him as we are the offsprings of our common parent, that all men are brethren. In the lodge the rich and the poor, the high and the low, the learned and unlearned meet as brothers and unitedly engage in the work of benevolence and charity.

Set a good example to the other members. Do not continually find fault with others. Examine yourself and see if you are all that is required of a good Odd Fellow, and if henceforth, each of us will try and live more according to the teachings of those great and good men that instituted this grand order 84 years ago, then the world will be that much brighter and better and Odd Fellowship will be no empty name, but a blessing to you and to me and to the community in which we reside.

STAGE FULL OF STARS.

"Diamonds and Hearts" is a neat, spicy comedy drama, built upon an interesting plot; the lines are sparkling and there are opportunities throughout for good acting. Fishers' opera house was crowded last night by friends and neighbors of the stage full of stars and the audience was kept in constant good humor. The stage settings were particularly handsome, L. B. Percival, the director, having the pick of the leading furniture houses of the city and his selections were of the best. Mr. Percival is a capable actor and his local support was appreciated by a house full of people. During the evening Miss Grace Rannels the dignified widow, elicited much applause in her vocal selections, responding to an encore, and George McBride and Mr. Percival scored hits in their banjo and mandolin duets. The play was given for the benefit of the Commercial club and a good sum was realized to add to the gymnasium fund.



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MANCHURIA AND POWERS

Stand Taken By Russia Will Not Affect Trade of United States.

GERMANY WILL BE NEUTRAL

Result May Be That Great Britain and Japan Will Stand Alone.

Washington, April 25.—From Germany no official advices have been received regarding the attitude of the Berlin government, but the understanding is general in the diplomatic corps that Russia has nothing to apprehend from Germany in the stand taken in Manchuria. Russia and Germany, it is admitted, have a thorough understanding relative to China and while it may not be necessary for the Berlin government to come openly to the support of the Russian demands at this time, other powers will be permitted to see clearly that Germany is not hostile to Russia's plans.

When the United States protests individually, as it is expected she will, Russia will be prepared to make certain concessions to American trade in Manchuria, which is really America's only vital interest in the matter. This concession will satisfy the United States, thus leaving Great Britain and Japan alone in their protest.

Russia and the United States have been traditional friends and while on their face the Manchurian developments seem to be unfavorable to the United States, it should be remembered that Russia's policy is to demand everything in sight and then to make intelligent concessions.

WILL START A CONDENSORY.

Articles of incorporation were filed in the office of the county clerk yesterday for the Tillamook Condensed Milk company. The plant and head office of the company will be located in the city of Tillamook, where is produced probably the largest amount of milk in a small area in the country, making it a desirable place for an enterprise of this kind. M. A. J. Cohn, president of the port of Tillamook commission and of the incorporated firm of Cohn & Co., leading merchants of that city, and who is now in Astoria, is at the head of the new venture. The incorporators are encouraged by the success of the condensories which are in operation in the valley and will at once erect a plant and proceed to business, increasing its capacity according to the demand. The products for the present will be condensed milk and sterilized evaporated cream.

STATE VS. FRANK SISCO.

The preliminary hearing of Frank Sisco, charged with the use of a deadly weapon upon Alden Patton colored, was called in the court of the justice of the peace yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The defendant is represented by Hon. Geo. Noland and the state by Deputy District Attorney Eukin. Defendant offered to plead guilty to the simple charge of assault and battery, but this was opposed by the district attorney and so the case will likely be carried into the circuit court. Should it prove, however, available to settle the matter in the jurisdiction of the court of the justice of the peace, such settlement will be resorted to. Evidence was heard yesterday until 5:30 and the court adjourned. The hearing will be resumed at 2 o'clock next Tuesday afternoon. The evidence so far tends to show that Patton entered Sisco's place and asked for a drink. He was ordered out. The colored man protested at such treatment and a quarrel ensued. The proprietor held forth to his would-be customer that negroes were not allowed upon the premises and in the end emphasized his remarks with a glass jar. This action on the part of Sisco brought about his arrest and the present court proceedings.

COASTERS START RATE WAR

A rate war has been declared by ship pers engaged in the coasting trade. The Dollar Steamship company has announced a cut in the rates on merchandise carried from San Francisco to Grays harbor. The prevailing rate hitherto has been \$2 a ton, and the vessels of the Dollar line will hereafter carry freight to the northern port for \$1 a ton. The reason given for the cutting rates is that rival firms are reducing rates on the coast. The companies now having steamers on the Grays harbor run are the Dollar Steamship company, and Sudden and Christianson. The officers of the Pollard Steamship Co.

state that they will meet the reduction and may go even lower.

PIONEERS REUNION.

Wednesday, June 17, is the date set for the annual meeting of the Oregon Pioneer association. It is said that Secretary Himes has secured the names of 200 pioneers who have never attended a reunion, and who may come this year. Senator Fulton is to be the orator of the day, and the occasional addresses will be made by Capt. Oliver C. Applegate of Klamath county. Efforts are being made to secure a larger attendance and greater interest than ever before. The Native Sons, Native Daughters, and the Indian War Veterans will hold their annual reunions during the same week.

Base Ball Scores.

PACIFIC COAST.

At Los Angeles—Los Angeles, 4; Sacramento, 0.
At San Francisco—San Francisco, 4; Oakland, 2.
At Portland—Portland-Seattle game postponed.

PACIFIC NATIONAL.

At Tacoma—Tacoma, 3; Portland, 0. Called at end of fifth.
At San Francisco—Helena, 15; San Francisco, 2.
At Los Angeles—Los Angeles, 10; Butte, 1.
At Seattle—Seattle, 8; Spokane, 7.

NATIONAL.

At Brooklyn—Brooklyn, 8; Philadelphia, 0.
At Pittsburg—St. Louis, 10; Pittsburg, 1.
At Chicago—Chicago, 7; Cincinnati, 3.
At New York—New York, 8; Boston, 7.

AMERICAN.

At Philadelphia—Boston, 4; Philadelphia, 0.
At Detroit—Detroit, 2; Cleveland, 0.
At Washington—New York, 11; Washington, 2.
At St. Louis—Chicago-St. Louis game postponed.

MAD MULLAH PAYS HEAVY

British Have Taken Revenge for Recent Slaughter of Troops.

KILL 2000 OF THE ENEMY

Colonel Cobbe Has Been Relieved but At What Cost Is Not Known.

Aden, Arabia, April 25.—Brigadier-General Manning, after an engagement with the Mad Mullah's forces, has relieved Colonel Cobbe, near Gamburu, Somaliland, 45 miles westward of Gald. About 2000 of the Mullah's men were killed. The British loss is not known.

The few details obtainable of the disaster to Colonel Plunkett's detachment April 17 shows the Mullah's forces consisted of 2000 horsemen and 10,000 spearmen. They surrounded Colonel Plunkett's force in the open, and the Somalis, after a heavy rifle fire charged repeatedly with their horsemen and spearmen on all sides.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB.

An instructive meeting of the Woman's club was held yesterday afternoon in the Odd Fellows' hall. Mrs. Gearhart was chairman of the meeting. The musical and literary program was well selected and every feature was highly enjoyed. Miss Sophie Reinhardt of Portland delivered a very fine address on "Our Modern Education." The speaker is thoroughly acquainted with her subject and her eloquent address yesterday showed great care and preparation.

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